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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2005. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 10 and 12-18 have been amended. Claims 19-33 are new. Claims 3, 6 and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2 and 10 were rejected as being anticipated, under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), by Stevens et al, U.S. 6,747,836 ("Stevens"). Claims 3-5 were rejected as being unpatentable, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), over Stevens and Moon et al, U.S. 2002/0054451 ("Moon"). Claims 11-12 were rejected as being unpatentable, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), over Stevens and Koso et al, U.S. 20003/0117742 ("Koso"). Claims 6-8 and 13-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate Examiner's favorable consideration of these claims. Claims 1- 33 are pending in this action.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 3 and cancelled and objected to claim 6. Claims 4-5 and 7 have been amended to depend from and further define currently amended claim 1. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 3. Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to depend from and further define currently amended claim 13. Claims 13-17 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 11. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 1. Claims 19, 22-23, 26, 29 and 32-33 are the same limitations as found in claim 2. Claim 20 is the same limitation as found in claim 4. Claim 21 is the same limitation as found in claim 5. Claims 24, 27 and 30 are the same limitations as found in claim 10. Claims 25, 28 and 31 are the same limitations as found in claim 12. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

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102(e) Rejections:

Claims 1, 2 and 10 were rejected as being anticipated, under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), by Stevens. These rejections are traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 3 and cancelled and objected to claim 6. Examiner has stated claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from and allowable claim 13.

103(a) Rejections:

Claims 3-5 were rejected as being unpatentable, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), over Stevens and Moon et al, U.S. 2002/0054451 ("Moon"). Claims 11-12 were rejected as being unpatentable, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), over Stevens and Koso et al, U.S. 20003/0117742 ("Koso"). These rejections are traversed. Claims 4, 5 and 12 depend from and further define claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as stated above. Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled.

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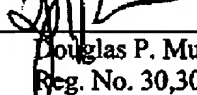
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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